GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:339
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2001
EXPORT OF COIR PRODUCTS
P.D. ELANGOVAN

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the special schemes and projects initiated by the Government to promote the export of coir and coir products from India;

(b) whether the Government have set up any research institute to impart technical know how and designs to the persons involved in coir industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to start a Coir Development research Centre in Tamil Nadu; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 339 BY SHRI ELANGOVAN FOR REPLY ON 12.12.2001 REGARDING EXPORT OF COIR PRODUCTS

(a): The Coir Board has initiated several steps to promote export of coir and coir products from India. Some of these are participation in exhibitions/catalogue shows, product promotion programmes abroad, organisation of India International Coir Fair, assistance to exporters for acquiring ISO 9000 certification etc. A new Scheme `External market development assistance scheme` for encouraging small exporters in the coir sector has also been introduced effective from 2000-2001.

(b) & (c): The Central Coir Research Institute, Alleppey and Central Instituteof Coir Technology, Bangalore are the two Institutions set up by the Coir Board to provide Research and Development (R&D) support to the coir industry.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.